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PRESS RELEASE #5

Disaster Name: North Florida Flood 2013

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PRESS RELEASE **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Flood Warning continues for the Apalachicola River and the Chipola River effecting Gulf County. The flood warning will remain in effect until further notice or the warning is cancelled.

At 12:00am Thursday the Apalachicola River stage was 22.5 feet at Blountstown. Minor flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is forecasted. The river is forecasted to continue to rise to near 23.8 feet by Saturday at Blountstown. The forecast shows the river will remain high until the middle of next and then begin to slowly fall.

At 3:00am Thursday the Chipola River stage was 27.2 feet at Altha. Moderate flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is forecasted. The river is forecasted to continue to rise to near 28.5 feet by Saturday at Altha and then begin falling.

The Gulf County Emergency Management Office is recommending voluntary evacuation for persons in low lying areas and/or those who feel threatened by rising waters.

The American Red Cross in coordination with Gulf County Emergency Management will open a shelter at 11:00am CT today for residents seeking refuge from rising waters. The shelter is located at the Honeyville Community Center, 240 Honeyville Park Drive. Those who decide to take advantage of the shelter should bring the following items with them:

1. Identification
2. Important Medications
3. Diapers, infant formula, baby foods if needed
4. Bedding, pillows, blankets, etc.
5. Puzzles, books, small games for children
6. Special foods for restricted diets

Additional information is available at the Tallahassee National Weather Service website at: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tlh/>.

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